

Physically Challenged Hunter Program

Class I – **Wheelchair Bound**

Approved applicants may:

- 1) Participate in special statewide, wma, US Forest Service, or US Fish and Wildlife hunts.
- 2) Take either-sex deer on private lands statewide during the entire gun deer season and during the muzzleloader season. This provision does not include state wmas, federal refuges, forest service preserves, or other state or federal properties.
- 3) May hunt and take either-sex deer with a crossbow during the statewide archery season.
- 4) May hunt resident game from a stationary vehicle or stationary boat, providing that this activity does not violate state or parish laws.
- 5) May utilize designated ATV trails, both regular public ATV trails and Handicapped ATV trails, on state wmas, US Forest Service Land, or US Fish and Wildlife Refuges. Approved applicants should contact the US Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding use of trails and additional federal requirements. Approved applicants may drive the ATV to a stand within 100 yards of an ATV trail. The ATV may also be used to retrieve the permittee's harvested deer. Travel on an ATV beyond 100 yards of Handicapped ATV trails. However, Permittee may be accompanied by a helper as necessary to get to and from a hunting area or stand and to assist in retrieving harvested game. Helpers may not use or possess firearms, bows, or crossbows when acting as a Helper unless the weapon is legal for the game hunted and the season is open to all licensed hunters in the area the Helper is hunting.

Note: Approved applicants should display their Physically Challenged Hunter number in black letters on the gas tank of the ATV.

Class II – Mobility Impaired

The definition of mobility impaired is defined in R.S. 47:463.4(E) and includes the following:

- (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.
- (b) Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, walker, cane, crutches, braces, prosthetic device, or wheelchair. Individuals who must use wheelchairs to get around should apply under wheelchair confined.
- (c) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest.
- (d) Uses portable oxygen.
- (e) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- (f) Has a diagnosed disease or disorder, including a severe arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic impairment, which creates a severe mobility limitation.

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Note: The Mobility Impaired Classification does not give permittee crossbow hunting privileges. Individuals must apply for a separate crossbow hunting permit and meet the criteria specified for that permit.

Class III – Amputee of the Upper Extremity

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- 1) Participate in special statewide, wma, US Forest Service, or US Fish and Wildlife hunts.
- 2) Hunt and take either-sex deer with a crossbow during the statewide archery season.
- 3) May utilize designated ATV trails, both regular public ATV and Handicapped ATV trails, on state wmas, US Forest Service Land, or US Fish and Wildlife Refuges. Approved applicants should contact the US Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the use of trails and additional federal requirements. Permittee may be accompanied by helpers as necessary to get to and from the hunting area or stand and to assist in retrieving game. Helpers may not use or possess firearms, bows, or crossbows when acting as a Helper unless the weapon is legal for the game hunted and the season is open to all licensed hunters in the area the Helper is hunting.

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